

Threatened and Endangered Species in Forests of Wisconsin

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GOBLIN FERN

(*Botrychium mormo*)

Federal Status: Not Listed

State Status: Endangered

Description:

The goblin fern is a tiny, succulent fern, about 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches tall, that can be identified by its yellowish-green leaves. This fern is inconspicuous because it doesn't always rise above the leaf and twig litter of the forest floor.



Habitat: The goblin fern is often associated with nutrient-rich sites in northern hardwood and sugar maple forests.

Forestry Considerations: Unfortunately, little is known about the effects of forestry on the goblin fern. It is recommended that in forests where the plant has been discovered, a botanist



or the Wisconsin Bureau of Endangered Resources be contacted prior to initiating forestry activities. The fern is not easily seen and is very susceptible to trampling.

